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SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major export countries estimated that on or about November 1, 1959, they held some 2,493.9 million bushels of wheat for export or carryover exceeding by 2 per cent the 2,433.6 million bushels available a year ago. Supplies by countries including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (1958 figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,630.8 (1,579.2); Canada, 723.6 (767.3); Argentine, 61.1 (65.8); and Australia, 78.4 (21.3).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat, from the chief exporting countries in the period August to October 1959, were 210.5 million bushels compared with an export of 219.6 million in the same period of 1958. Exports by countries in millions of bushels (1958 figures in brackets) were: United States, 94.4 (108.2); Canada, 76.4 (73.8); Argentine, 14.7 (21.4); and Australia, 25.0 (16.2).

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports and imports of live stock and red meats for November and the period January-November 1958 and 1959 were:

EXPORTS:	November 1958	November 1959	January-November 1958	January-November 1959
	- thousand head -			
Cattle, slaughter and feeder	94	33	562	247
Dairy and purebred	4	2	44	34
* Dressed	9	4	106	44
TOTAL	107	39	712	325
Calves, alive	0	0	12	30
Lambs, alive	6	16	40	28

Exports (Continued)	November 1958	November 1959	January-November 1958	January-November 1959
* Dressed	2	1	30	16
TOTAL	8	17	70	44
Hogs, alive	1	0	7	4
* Dressed	52	49	441	505
TOTAL	53	49	448	509
IMPORTS:				
Cattle, alive	0	9	0	21
* Dressed	20	17	111	124
TOTAL	20	26	111	145
Lambs, alive	0	0	17	20
* Dressed	46	29	484	434
TOTAL	46	29	501	454

DAIRYING:

For the four weeks ending November 28, 1959, 1,436,000 pounds of butterfat were received at Alberta creameries a decrease of 2.1 per cent below the 1,466,000 pounds received in November 1958. For the period January-November inclusive deliveries were 27,835,000 and 28,017,000 pounds in 1958 and 1959 respectively an increase of 0.7 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens in Alberta for November 1959 was estimated at 3,330,000 compared with 3,439,000 for November 1958 a decrease of 3.2 per cent. Production per bird for the month was 13.7 compared with 13.0 for November, 1958. Total net production increased from 3,708,000 dozen in November, 1958 to 3,777,000 dozen in 1959.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of November	6,934	6,995	761	543	4,359	4,293	28	71	361	793
January - November	79,792	81,045	11,371	6,777	38,956	41,937	1,913	1,254	3,158	5,549
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in November	1.13	1.00	0.42	0.40	- dollars per bushel - 0.71	1.68	0.80	0.90	2.66	3.47
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of November	7,835	6,995	320	217	3,095	2,919	22	64	959	2,751
January - November	87,065	90,102	5,105	3,101	27,402	29,529	1,580	1,096	8,608	17,179
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments										
Month of November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January - November	17,598	17,538	-	580	2,627	2,873	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain										
Month of November	7,835	6,995	320	217	3,095	2,919	22	64	959	2,751
January - November	104,663	107,640	5,105	3,681	30,029	32,402	1,580	1,096	8,608	17,179

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:

	1958	1959
Month of November	$ 12,231,000	$ 12,946,000
January - November	$ 149,985,000	$ 161,998,000

LIVE STOCK PRICES IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of November								
Calgary	23.13	24.06	22.91	21.00	18.17	15.88	20.92	19.41
Edmonton	22.40	23.20	22.40	20.16	18.25	16.23	20.82	19.37
Lethbridge	22.84	23.63	23.29	21.97	18.10	15.90	20.90	19.05
January - November								
Calgary	21.50	23.35	21.61	23.40	19.45	17.87	25.40	20.38
Edmonton	20.77	22.78	20.85	22.88	19.99	17.81	25.98	20.49
Lethbridge	21.22	23.06	21.88	23.54	19.41	17.72	25.56	20.19

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1958	Oct. 1958	Oct. 1959	Nov. 1959
21.5	26.2	20.8	19.4	19.3

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1958	Oct. 1958	Oct. 1959	Nov. 1959
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	106.7	129.7	154.8	154.4
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	101.4	106.8	107.3	108.0
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	105.2	121.4	144.2	142.9

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Receipts of Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:				- number of head -				
Month of November	77,084	63,130	46,428	38,728	13,662	24,446	170,036	161,972
January - November	764,747	665,986	184,228	150,280	153,259	158,603	1,585,135	2,051,018
Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants:								
Month of November	19,051	21,681	16,082	17,956	3,060	3,028	-	-
January - November	116,043	119,883	40,512	48,570	11,680	10,869	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of November	58,033	41,449	30,346	20,772	10,602	21,418	170,036	161,972
January - November	648,704	546,103	143,716	101,710	141,579	147,734	1,585,135	2,051,018
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of November	2,478	2,297	838	809	421	255	4,152	6,141
January - November	30,641	25,427	9,366	6,130	2,572	3,294	29,643	46,322
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of November	60,511	43,746	31,184	21,581	11,023	21,673	174,188	168,113
January - November	679,345	571,530	153,082	107,840	144,151	151,028	1,614,778	2,097,340
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:				- dollars -				
Month of November	11,049,000	7,852,000	2,127,000	1,513,000	187,000	384,000	5,957,000	5,027,000
January - November	121,460,000	113,388,000	9,714,000	7,605,000	2,748,000	2,662,000	67,945,000	67,398,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:

	1958	1959
Month of November	$ 19,320,000	$ 14,776,000
January - November	$ 201,867,000	$ 191,053,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (OCTOBER AND JANUARY - OCTOBER) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (NOVEMBER AND JANUARY - NOVEMBER) FOR ALBERTA 1958 and 1959

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	OCTOBER		JANUARY - OCTOBER		OCTOBER		JANUARY - OCTOBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
DAIRY PRODUCTS:	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	2,203	2,030	25,365	25,181	1,450	1,336	16,641	16,663
Dairy Butter	5	3	45	33	3	2	26	20
Milk for Cheese Making	1,166	1,232	16,401	15,510	31	35	411	402
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	11,369	11,631	133,877	136,652	334	342	3,800	3,829
Milk for Fluid Sales	25,447	26,719	244,621	253,342	1,186	1,253	11,270	11,682
TOTAL VALUE - $					3,004	2,968	32,148	32,596

* Ice Cream and Fluid Cream converted to Fluid Milk Basis.

	NOVEMBER		JANUARY - NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		JANUARY - NOVEMBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
POULTRY PRODUCTS*	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs received at Registered Grading Stations	1,161,000	1,056,000	17,356,000	14,945,000	321,000	288,000	4,442,000	3,767,000
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations	4,802,000	4,583,000	15,757,000	18,850,000	1,213,000	998,000	3,835,000	3,812,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $					1,534,000	1,286,000	8,277,000	7,579,000

* Percent of Marketings Sold Through Registered Stations.

	1955	1956	1957	1958
Eggs - - - -	48.6	48.2	48.8	50.0
Poultry - -	41.3	43.7	49.9	50.5

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

			1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	1959 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (November)	1959 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	14,380,332	14,845,670	3.2	1,467,260	1,545,685	5.3
	Production -	Centals.	5,724,623	5,465,553	- 4.5	573,546	686,090	19.6
		Value $.	26,079,846	25,984,569	- 0.4	2,657,408	3,259,722	22.7
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	32,588,014	32,628,087	0.1	1,791,239	1,732,247	- 3.3
		Value $.	20,367,508	20,499,487	0.6	1,119,524	1,086,985	- 2.9
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	1,555,181	1,485,584	- 4.5	75,553	88,155	16.7
		Value $.	552,089	530,375	- 3.9	26,821	32,617	21.6
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	37,708,740	38,870,707	3.1	3,138,654	3,178,327	1.3
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	157,480,140	171,525,564	8.9	18,163,120	18,242,251	0.4
	Production	Meat-Lbs.	382,224,388	434,616,420	13.7	46,471,792	47,654,743	2.5
		Value $.	116,389,069	122,165,010	5.0	12,943,954	12,623,162	- 2.5
	- Exports	Meat-Lbs.	208,919,874	224,078,289	7.3	22,140,394	26,511,790	19.7
		Value $.	63,701,094	63,012,515	- 1.1	6,166,100	7,022,973	13.9
Margarine Sales	-	Lbs.	8,877,889	8,527,050	- 4.0	924,463	755,516	- 18.3
		Value $.	2,534,473	2,328,031	- 8.1	254,821	201,977	- 20.7

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

			1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	1959 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (November)	1959 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons.	2,137,132	2,242,354	4.9	371,822	374,653	0.8
		Value $.	10,786,648	11,351,413	5.2	1,949,422	1,848,134	- 5.2
Salt	Production	Tons.	51,007	55,172	8.2	5,284	5,405	2.3
Petroleum Products Refined-	Gross Sales	$.	147,383,101	147,760,914	0.3	11,947,419	12,201,597	2.1
Propane	Production	Barrels.	894,430	1,432,209	60.1	115,531	129,585	12.2
	Sales	Barrels.	820,999	1,127,653	37.4	103,713	133,781	29.0
Butane	Production	Barrels.	567,316	1,037,073	82.8	79,463	85,050	7.0
	Sales	Barrels.	535,631	826,650	54.3	76,313	78,654	3.1
Sulphur	Production	Tons.	104,099	203,460	95.4	14,919	28,435	90.6
	Sales	Tons.	88,193	85,070*	- 3.5	8,557	10,065	17.6
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,508,104	3,358,355	33.9	245,906	236,841	- 3.7
Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	9,409,666	9,926,421	5.5	873,384	632,230	- 27.6
Cement	Production	Barrels.	3,600,438	3,811,368	5.9	372,894	372,415	- 0.1
		Value $.	9,488,423	10,247,311	8.0	994,015	1,010,595	1.7
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	911,374	967,480	6.2	77,709	79,835	2.7
	Production	Tons.	29,103	29,118	0.1	2,613	2,311	- 11.6
		Value $.	411,641	408,715	- 0.7	36,581	32,650	- 10.7

(*) Amended.
(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING O C T O B E R 31, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

		1958 (Jan. - Oct.)	1959 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (Oct.)	1959 (Oct.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Petroleum - Crude (1)	Production-Barrels.	92,698,046	108,277,992	16.8	8,922,400	10,640,267	19.3
	Value of Sales $.	233,368,741	257,083,823	10.2	22,001,044	24,718,231	12.4
Natural Gas (1)	Production - M.C.F.	230,228,349	277,520,223	20.5	25,942,038	31,632,776	21.9
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha (1)	Production-Barrels.	748,090	1,145,627	53.1	79,068	118,452	49.8
	Value of Sales $.	2,156,984	3,140,199	45.6	211,348	328,832	55.6
Petroleum - Crude (2)	Imports - Barrels.	949,527	1,009,423	6.3	108,056	84,366	- 21.9
	Exports - Barrels.	73,173,785	89,372,406	22.1	6,894,653	8,497,176	23.2
Petroleum Products Refined (2)	Production-Barrels.	19,162,043	19,997,295	4.4	2,067,827	2,082,850*	0.7
	Imports - Barrels.	436,427	528,452	21.1	75,719	49,337	- 34.8
	Exports - Barrels.	4,765,914	5,032,080	5.6	469,691	491,082	4.6

(1) Source: Oil and Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

(*) Composed of 1,206,965 bbls. gasoline; 510,189 bbls. diesel fuel; -977 bbls. kerosene; 366,673 other fuel and miscellaneous products.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA, LATEST MONTHS AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN PREVIOUS YEARS

		1958 (Jan. - Oct.)	1959 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1958 (October)	1959 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	11,121,209,000	12,414,325,000	11.6	1,313,156,000	1,305,035,000	- 0.6
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	34,541	39,910	15.5	3,356	2,816	- 16.0
	Value $.	106,588,000	126,441,000	18.6	10,485,000	9,051,000	- 13.7
Pulpwood Production (3)	Rough Cords.	162,002	196,794	21.5	16,684	26,772	60.5

		1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	1959 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1958 (November)	1959 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production	Lumber-Ft.B.M.	288,000,000	323,500,000	12.3	14,800,000	13,500,000	- 8.8
	Value $.	16,550,000	18,600,000	12.4	840,000	780,000	- 7.1
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products.		16,900,000	18,900,000	11.8	1,000,000	940,000	- 6.0
Fur (Wild Life)	No. of Pelts.	1,103,537	1,064,559	- 3.5	166	26	- 84.3
	Value $.	1,051,966	1,103,236	4.9	1,915	165	- 91.4
Life Insurance Sales	$.	293,673,000	290,617,000	- 1.0	30,355,000	28,078,000	- 7.5
Electricity - Net Generated (4)	K.W.Hrs.	2,341,205,000	2,773,293,000	18.5	239,153,000	284,711,000	19.0

			1958 (Jan. - Dec.)	1959 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1958 (December)	1959 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Bank Clearings	Calgary	$.	5,587,601,641	6,367,155,579	14.0	510,512,045	570,170,197	11.7
	Edmonton	$.	2,313,536,430	2,344,183,987	1.3	210,096,198	207,719,904	- 1.1
	Lethbridge	$.	251,799,473	264,007,500	4.8	23,837,435	23,714,354	- 0.5
	Medicine Hat	$.	114,425,372	124,020,277	8.4	11,200,013	11,192,827	- 0.1
	Red Deer	$.	105,078,117	114,546,305	9.0	9,704,078	10,136,161	4.5
	Grande Prairie	$.	41,661,103	46,087,377	10.6	3,808,474	4,417,891	16.0
	T O T A L	$.	8,414,102,136	9,260,001,025	10.1	769,158,243	827,351,334	7.6

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 36, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Pulpwood Production, Consumption and Inventories, Vol. 2, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Electric Power Statistics, Vol. 27, No. 11, 1959, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

		1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	1959 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (November)	1959 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Value $.	93,189,942	93,403,565	0.2	6,193,201	6,555,997	5.9
EDMONTON	Value $.	69,625,542	68,647,623	- 1.4	3,149,807	2,080,649	- 33.9
LETHBRIDGE	Value $.	7,300,352	9,003,202	23.3	749,975	525,545	- 29.9
MEDICINE HAT	Value $.	5,194,275	7,329,650	41.1	266,275	760,450	185.6
RED DEER	Value $.	4,623,558	8,077,825	74.7	400,850	398,970	- 0.5
DRUMHELLER	Value $.	208,475	957,055	359.1	500	15,400	2980.0
WETASKIWIN	Value $.	547,950	1,196,217	118.3	23,900	32,500	36.0
CAMROSE	Value $.	1,246,250	1,245,910	-	94,700	292,600	209.0
GRANDE PRAIRIE	Value $.	1,457,499	2,077,695	42.6	9,650	135,250	1301.6
LLOYDMINSTER	Value $.	870,480	1,580,201	81.5	11,440	13,685	19.6
TOTAL (10 CITIES) .... PERMITS	NUMBER	17,415	16,728	- 3.9	1,167	1,065	- 8.7
	VALUE $.	184,264,323	193,518,943	5.0	10,900,298	10,811,046	- 0.8
TOTAL (16 MUNICIPALITIES)	VALUE $.	58,299,488	63,499,302	8.9	4,434,183	5,075,042	14.5

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1958 (Jan. - Oct.)	1959 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (October)	1959 (October)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	6,752	6,653	- 1.5	898	871	- 3.0
	Value $.	83,627,500	81,900,300	- 2.1	10,584,800	10,244,700	- 3.2
BUSINESS	Number	713	793	11.2	95	70	- 26.3
	Value $.	63,752,100	86,593,900	35.8	4,545,300	6,465,800	42.3
INDUSTRIAL	Number	72	62	- 13.9	8	6	- 25.0
	Value $.	4,807,600	21,136,700	339.7	304,500	825,000	170.9
ENGINEERING	Number	216	257	19.0	20	26	30.0
	Value $.	62,161,200	59,443,600	- 4.4	1,906,200	6,709,100	271.4
TOTAL	NUMBER	7,753	7,765	0.2	1,021	973	- 4.7
	VALUE $.	214,348,400	249,074,500	16.2	17,240,800	24,244,600	40.6

(1) Source: Building Reporter Section, MacLean Building Guide, November 1959, Published by Hugh C. MacLean Publications. (Based on information collected by MacLean Building Reports).

V I S I T O R S T O N A T I O N A L P A R K S & R E S E R V E S - A L B E R T A

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	1 9 5 8 (Jan. - Dec.)	1 9 5 9 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 8 (Dec.)	1 9 5 9 (Dec.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	No.	No.	%	No.	No.	%
Banff	815,527	933,227	14.4	25,100	31,459	25.3
Elk Island	219,756	209,005	- 4.9	3,000	4,200	40.0
Jasper	352,727	324,738	- 7.9	5,769	6,454	11.9
Waterton Lakes	365,188	339,311	- 7.1	-	-	-
T O T A L	1,753,598	1,806,271	3.0	33,869	42,113	24.3

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	1958 (Jan. - Nov.)	1959 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (November)	1959 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, equipment and supplies	88,961,929	111,058,303	24.8	7,814,140	5,912,368	- 24.3
Boots and Shoes	4,105,079	4,268,005	4.0	279,599	270,565	- 3.2
Drugs	12,144,891	13,764,813	13.3	1,118,808	1,217,088	8.8
Dry Goods	12,260,306	13,240,104	8.0	1,040,709	1,029,171	- 1.1
Electrical Appliances and Radios	66,147,572	64,621,038	- 2.3	4,863,926	4,821,731	- 0.9
Florists	937,023	1,039,002	10.9	73,492	79,868	8.7
Furniture	3,819,476	3,946,323	3.3	440,354	342,751	- 22.2
Groceries (including fruits and vegetables)	181,213,733	193,564,665	6.8	12,519,436	13,055,477	4.3
Hardware	70,645,473	73,722,255	4.4	6,034,299	5,849,910	- 3.1
Jewellery and Silverware	565,369	597,628	5.7	63,290	79,761	26.0
Lumber and building supplies	62,739,093	70,707,933	12.7	4,962,041	4,061,362	- 18.2
Machinery, Agricultural	40,387,562	52,751,047	30.6	1,225,438	1,230,019	0.4
Machinery, Other	19,079,200	25,123,460	31.7	1,281,302	1,383,957	8.0
Paints and Varnishes	10,854,908	10,226,439	- 5.8	843,439	696,033	- 17.5
Paper	11,626,062	12,687,193	9.1	704,258	747,430	6.1
Tobacco	20,289,594	22,457,052	10.7	1,328,920	1,474,708	11.0
Oilfield Supplies	17,810,346	19,222,239	7.9	1,885,988	1,888,661	0.1
Carbonated Beverages	12,670,573	13,142,057	3.7	936,075	978,813	4.6
Miscellaneous	69,110,377	75,296,960	9.0	4,324,800	4,413,981	2.1
TOTAL	705,368,566	781,436,516	10.8	51,740,314	49,533,654	- 4.3
LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	156,441,907	173,757,681	11.1	11,749,714	11,744,866	-
Edmonton	167,558,195	184,066,190	9.9	13,044,302	12,711,746	- 2.5
Lethbridge	19,253,187	20,789,627	8.0	1,127,713	1,023,162	- 9.3
Medicine Hat	1,818,302	2,021,955	11.2	105,584	94,492	- 10.5
Red Deer	5,148,116	5,785,945	12.4	437,986	449,445	2.6
Smaller Centres	5,584,880	6,141,347	10.0	388,880	444,720	14.4
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	349,563,979	388,873,771	11.2	24,886,135	23,065,223	- 7.3
TOTAL	705,368,566	781,436,516	10.8	51,740,314	49,533,654	- 4.3

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

OCTOBER AND TEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1959, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1958

	1958 (Jan. - Oct.)	1959 (Jan. - Oct.)	10 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1958 (Oct.)	1959 (Oct.)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	1,010,773,000	1,070,598,000	6.0	110,909,000	115,031,000	3.7
Grocery and Combination Stores	163,785,000	171,004,000	4.4	17,767,000	20,355,000	14.6
Other Food and Beverage Stores	51,249,000	53,129,000	3.7	5,594,000	5,749,000	2.8
General Stores	48,707,000	49,497,000	1.6	5,034,000	5,299,000	5.3
Department Stores	115,357,000	123,575,000	7.1	13,872,000	14,649,000	5.6
Variety Stores	11,906,000	12,548,000	5.4	1,441,000	1,534,000	6.5
Motor Vehicle Dealers	191,045,000	214,978,000	12.5	17,735,000	18,353,000	3.5
Garage and Filling Stations	63,448,000	63,583,000	0.2	7,050,000	6,595,000	- 6.5
Men's Clothing Stores	16,983,000	17,039,000	0.3	2,017,000	2,011,000	- 0.3
Family Clothing Stores	11,819,000	12,075,000	2.2	1,499,000	1,468,000	- 2.1
Women's Clothing Stores	17,080,000	17,358,000	1.6	1,966,000	2,092,000	6.4
Shoe Stores	6,637,000	7,176,000	8.8	748,000	835,000	11.6
Hardware Stores	34,802,000	36,497,000	4.9	4,196,000	4,066,000	- 3.1
Lumber and Building Materials Dealers	46,335,000	52,630,000	13.6	6,331,000	5,834,000	- 7.9
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	38,264,000	39,871,000	4.2	4,166,000	4,113,000	- 1.3
Restaurant	37,087,000	35,998,000	- 2.9	3,645,000	3,279,000	- 10.0
Fuel Dealers	656,000	819,000	24.8	104,000	138,000	32.7
Drug Stores	23,778,000	25,420,000	6.9	2,748,000	2,928,000	6.6
Jewellery Stores	5,225,000	5,631,000	7.8	574,000	600,000	4.5
Miscellaneous	126,049,000	131,600,000	4.4	14,513,000	15,183,000	4.6

Source: Retail Trade, Vol. 31, No. 10, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

PRAIRIE REGION

The seasonal decline in employment continued in the Prairie region, where the number with jobs was estimated to total 1,032,000 in November. This was 31,000 higher than a year earlier. The decline of 33,000 from October was divided almost equally between agriculture and non-agricultural industries. The decline in farm jobs was smaller than usual due partly to some sporadic harvesting that took place in scattered parts of the region.

Non-farm employment declined somewhat more than seasonally with the change distributed among most industries. Construction, which recorded the largest change, was hampered by a period of extremely severe weather at the middle of the month. Housing starts showed a sharp drop in October from the very high year-earlier level, especially in the western part of the region. In centres of 5,000 and over, the number of units under construction at the end of October varied from 35 per cent higher than a year earlier in Manitoba to 5 per cent lower in Alberta. For the first ten months of 1959 housing starts in Saskatchewan and Manitoba were about 10 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1958; but in Alberta, about 15 per cent lower.

Employment in forestry and transportation dropped in November, although the change in forestry was not as large as the year before. Railway track maintenance crews were reduced and registrations of truck, taxi, and tractor drivers at the National Employment Service offices in the larger centres were about double the month-earlier total.

Calgary and Edmonton (metropolitan) areas were reclassified to the moderate surplus Group as a result of continuing seasonal declines, chiefly in construction and related industries producing cement, concrete blocks, sashes and doors, and other building supplies. Lethbridge and Red Deer were also reclassified to this group. At Lethbridge layoffs occurred as canning factories processing irrigation crops completed their production schedules.

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 59, No. 11, Nov. 1959)

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workman's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the last pay period of September, 1959, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

S E P T E M B E R 1959. As Compared with Corresponding month in 1958 and 1957

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment — Last Pay Period of			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries — Last Pay Period of			Employees Reported — Last Pay Period of
	Sept. 1957	Sept. 1958	Sept. 1959	Sept. 1957	Sept. 1958	Sept. 1959	Sept. 1959
				$	$	$	
Mining	144.1	125.7	121.2	94.62	99.07	105.60	17,866
Coal	31.2	22.9	20.2	70.82	76.13	84.07	1,631
Oil	300.4	268.6	275.4	97.63	101.36	108.30	14,764
Manufacturing	161.3	157.4	168.8	70.07	73.45	75.93	34,085
Foods and Beverages	137.8	132.5	140.9	64.39	67.56	70.66	10,369
Meat Products	137.1	136.2	148.7	72.97	78.06	82.76	4,701
Wood Products	115.8	114.2	117.4	57.55	59.54	61.46	3,187
Printing, Publishing and allied Industries	128.4	134.9	136.3	66.90	70.43	74.22	1,488
Iron and Steel Products	195.0	194.6	247.4	75.47	80.86	80.53	4,079
Transportation Equipment	162.9	142.3	145.9	70.37	72.01	76.14	4,251
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (k)	159.8	167.5	193.2	70.07	72.89	76.38	3,057
Products of Petroleum and Coal	201.1	190.8	195.8	92.78	99.67	107.19	1,983
Chemical Products	314.4	279.8	310.4	87.14	90.28	94.74	1,946
Construction	217.3	234.4	246.3	78.48	82.71	80.05	28,495
Building and General Engineering (m)	228.8	250.0	252.7	81.59	87.97	84.77	16,720
Highways, Bridges and Streets	202.9	214.6	237.8	74.04	74.79	73.34	11,775
Transportation, Storage Communication	133.1	130.6	129.2	71.12	77.71	83.96	26,998
Steam Railways	110.3	96.0	89.0	72.52	75.18	82.37	11,949
Electric and Motor Transportation (o)	176.2	176.2	176.9	77.56	81.89	84.61	4,524
Storage	113.5	116.5	115.7	63.20	63.96	65.68	2,040
Public Utility Operation	156.8	163.0	166.4	77.39	82.60	85.73	5,218
Trade	163.1	165.6	174.0	59.40	60.81	62.95	36,102
Wholesale	157.8	157.0	165.9	68.30	71.73	74.32	12,351
Retail	165.9	170.3	178.5	54.88	55.34	57.04	23,751
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	183.1	185.7	189.7	60.22	64.21	64.46	8,192
Service (v)	177.0	183.9	188.7	41.89	43.29	45.21	11,229
Hotels and Restaurants	170.7	173.2	174.4	38.09	39.00	40.50	7,076
Industrial Composite	160.6	159.5	164.8	70.48	73.83	75.93	168,919

* Including Northwest Territories.

(K) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(m) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(o) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

(v) Includes hotels, restaurants, laundries, dry cleaning plants, business, recreational services and miscellaneous services.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, September 1959, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

S E P T E M B E R 1959. As Compared with Corresponding Month in 1958 and 1957.

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment — Last Pay Period of			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries — Last Pay Period of			Employees Reported — Last Pay Period of
	Sept. 1957	Sept. 1958	Sept. 1959	Sept. 1957 $	Sept. 1958 $	Sept. 1959 $	Sept. 1959
CALGARY:							
Manufacturing	139.7	139.2	150.5	72.32	75.56	79.41	11,115
Foods and Beverages	128.4	125.9	133.9	72.37	73.63	79.78	3,333
Transportation Equipment	140.2	127.0	131.1	69.86	73.64	77.65	2,398
Construction	231.0	265.8	291.6	72.57	82.31	82.10	6,500
Wholesale Trade	138.8	134.2	145.8	67.80	71.68	74.17	4,992
Retail Trade	163.9	174.7	176.7	56.43	55.52	58.58	8,863
Industrial Composite	164.3	165.4	177.1	66.52	68.73	71.58	44,029
EDMONTON:							
Manufacturing	181.1	175.3	193.7	71.75	75.35	77.85	14,688
Foods and Beverages	135.3	132.4	139.2	69.38	73.97	76.57	4,253
Meat Products	137.4	135.6	144.9	71.92	77.27	80.70	2,943
Construction	216.8	223.3	232.6	83.07	84.76	81.72	9,395
Building and General Engineering (m)	204.8	207.7	208.1	87.52	88.54	85.07	6,061
Wholesale Trade	189.5	188.7	194.9	68.30	71.20	73.29	5,182
Retail Trade	176.0	171.6	181.7	54.41	56.52	57.01	10,534
Service (v)	193.5	208.4	218.0	41.61	42.99	45.42	3,975
Industrial Composite	188.7	187.2	199.1	67.37	70.26	71.06	51,257

Source: Employment and Payrolls, September 1959
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNINGS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

S E P T E M B E R 1959, As Compared with Corresponding month in 1958

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Last Pay Period of		Last Pay Period of		Last Pay Period of		
	Sept. 1958	Sept. 1959	Sept. 1958	Sept. 1959	Sept. 1958	Sept. 1959	Sept. 1959
			¢	¢	$	$	
ALBERTA:							
Coal Mining	36.8	40.3	1.99	2.07	73.23	83.48	1,226
Oil and Natural Gas Production (c)	40.1	41.0	2.18	2.29	87.38	93.80	5,279
Manufacturing	39.6	39.2	1.74	1.82	69.06	71.19	24,217
Foods and Beverages	37.0	37.4	1.70	1.76	62.86	65.96	7,420
Meat Products	39.0	39.5	1.91	2.00	74.65	79.22	3,529
Transportation Equipment	40.6	39.8	1.72	1.85	69.95	73.57	3,326
Non-Metallic mineral products (e)	42.0	41.6	1.66	1.77	69.89	73.57	2,593
Building and General Engineering (m)	43.4	40.3	2.02	2.04	87.45	82.23	12,681
Highways, bridges and street construction	42.2	41.1	1.71	1.77	72.20	72.81	7,897
Electric and Motor Transportation (n)	41.1	41.3	1.77	1.82	72.62	75.34	2,303
Service (o)	38.5	39.5	0.96	0.99	37.11	39.27	6,732
EDMONTON:							
Manufacturing	40.5	39.9	1.75	1.84	70.96	73.48	10,518
Foods and Beverages	38.9	39.0	1.82	1.90	70.68	74.02	2,907
Building and General Engineering	44.1	39.4	1.98	2.09	87.49	82.44	4,829
CALGARY:							
Manufacturing	40.1	39.4	1.79	1.90	71.90	74.73	7,627

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, September, 1959.
Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(c) Oil shale and bituminous sand; contract drilling and prospecting for oil.
(e) Tires, tubes and other rubber products.
(m) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(n) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(o) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing; business and recreational services.